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Friday morning, 25 August 1848

Dear Son

I have just received yours and I write merely to acquaint you that I expressed to Mr Heazlewood my wish for your coming home on Saturday tomorrow, by a note with the order for 10 shillings. If your shoes do not fit you had better not have another pair made for you, but get measured by our own shoemaker when you come home. Your trousers are made and the cloth for your jacket is on hand. Your mother and our sisters are going with me on Monday to Hertford and it is very likely you may go with us directly from there to Hoddersdon. You have only to name to Mr Heazlewood your wish to come home with the consent of your father.

I remain your affectionate father,  
W Barlow

*William (the father) was currently Master at the Workhouse at Bishops Stortford and his son, William (13) was at Agricultural College at Hoddersdon*

Monday evening 25 September 1848

Dear Son

You may come home on Friday afternoon with Mr ?'s permission and you can ask for the favour of as much money as will be sufficient for your doing so and you will refund it on your return. But I must tell you that you have been extravagant in spending 10 shillings since I last saw you, so you must be more economical with your pocket money or else you will force me to withhold it.

I remain your affectionate father,  
W Barlow

25 George St East Greenwich 1 Oct 1851

My dear son,

Tomorrow Thursday being the last day we shall be, I wish you would obtain leave from your studies for the purpose of spending it with us. Your sisters also desire to see you before they leave for the Country. I undertake no doubt under the circumstances

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of you obtaining it.  
I am in haste,  
Your affectionate father,  
W. Barlow

*Another letter to son William (now aged 16) At this time I believed William was Schoolmaster at Ware but perhaps he had left there and moved to East Greenwich in preparation for embarkation to New Zealand.*

District School  
Friday 1st Nov 1851

Dear William

I was very much pleased to have heard from you so soon and such a long letter too, I wish it had been the case with those I have written to at school which is more than a month ago and have not received any answer yet. I wrote to ?? and she answered me the day before I had yours, therefore I had a letter two days running and she sent me a little bookmark with Margaret worked on it, which was very kind of her. Eliza and Mary are talking of coming to meet you already although it is six weeks to wait if all is well. You never told us what Baron Ortonberg said to you and whether he knows where J W Lovell is. What do you think Father has bought seven such pretty fowls. Father has also taken a glance of the house and sends it to you to look at but you must send it back within a week if you please. Fanny is quite used to the place now, she can let herself out of one door and in through another without anyone opening them for her, because they are spring doors. Mother says that she would send Aunt a basket full of apples if she knew how to let her have them but perhaps Father might be coming down and then he would bring them, but I do not know for certain. We all smile in love to you, also to Aunt, Uncle and cousins accepting the same dear William, from your affectionate sister.

Margaret Barlow

*This letter is from Margaret Barlow to her brother William. She may have been at a school herself or the address may have been where her father William was teaching at the time. It must be still in England though as they could not have left East Greenwich in Oct and arrived at an overseas destination just one month later.*